



Louth Academy



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Family of Academies



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Louth Academy is a member of Tollbar Family of Academies, a Multi-Academy Trust that has the full backing of the Department for Education, having agreed with us that the success achieved by Tollbar Academy should be available to all.

We have long recognised that, as an outstanding organisation run by educationalists, we are in a unique position to share our expertise with others. We took on a failed community college and created Cleethorpes Academy, a school for 900 students and judged as 'Good' by Ofsted in May 2015. In 2013 Reynolds Primary School also joined the Tollbar Family of Academies and is our first Primary Academy. Reynolds was also judged as a good school by Ofsted in June 2015. In November 2015 Somercotes Academy joined Tollbar Multi-Academy Trust and, more recently, Theddlethorpe Community Primary School re-opened as Theddlethorpe Academy in September 2016. Pilgrim Academy, based in Immingham, joined the Trust in April 2017 becoming the third Primary within our Family. In September 2017, the Trust officially took on Louth Academy (formerly Monks' Dyke) and Cordeaux Academy, both located in Louth. Both Academies merged together as Louth Academy in September 2018 to provide one non-selective educational establishment in the Louth area.

As members of the Multi-Academy Trust, all the Academies work together with others to ensure that education remains at the core of everything we do. We stand for traditional values, top quality teaching, high standards of pupil behaviour, and state-of-the-art learning environments. We are successful because we utilise business models of management to deliver outstanding educational objectives. All Academies joining our Family follow the same model of school improvement that has made Tollbar an Ofsted-rated outstanding Academy.

Our goals remain the same: to achieve outstanding learning outcomes in state-of-the-art environments, with the very best teaching and resources available.

Tollbar Academy has been rated outstanding on consecutive occasions by Ofsted, and it continues to be ranked in the top band of high performing schools in the UK. Cross-Academy working will benefit the learning of staff and pupils for all members of the Multi-Academy Trust. Each individual Academy within Tollbar Family of Academies will be at the centre of its community, raising aspirations and achievement like Tollbar Academy. It will do this in two ways: firstly, through the excellent teaching of an extended and balanced curriculum, which ignites curiosity, unlocks talent and realises potential; and secondly, by exercising high-quality care, guidance and support that assures the personal development and welfare of each child and young person.

Centrally-run services reduces the time-consuming administrative tasks which many Academies find difficult to manage, while providing the expertise and support to concentrate on educational performance.

All Academies within the Trust work with both statutory and voluntary local partners, continuing to promote extended learning facilities for adults as well as students and seek to develop further their portfolios of extra-curricular activities.

Tollbar Family of Academies aims to offer a world-class, 21st century education to the young people in all its Academies, providing life-long learning opportunities and creating centres of excellence, which model the successful practices at Tollbar Academy, bringing confidence and pride to the local community.

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Welcome

There could not be a better time for your child to join Louth Academy. Since opening in September 2017, the Academy has been transformed with new and refurbished accommodation as well as improved educational resources for the students to enjoy. The Trust has invested over £2 million at Louth Academy, to ensure students have the best possible learning environment and further improvements for both sites are planned.

The Academy has benefited from the addition of a significant number of talented staff, mainly from other Tollbar MAT academies, who have been able to work with the existing staff to ensure the highest possible standards of teaching and learning. Student progress has improved this year with a rise in student outcomes for English as well as Maths and other curriculum subjects.

The Academy has already developed a reputation for high academic and behavioural standards amongst parents and students.

I hope this prospectus provides you with the information you require for your child to have a smooth transition to our Academy.

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Executive Principal



Mission Statement

Louth Academy will:

- Enable students to experience an exciting and creative climate and we create opportunities for every individual to achieve their maximum potential.
- Prepare students for active local, national and global citizenship.
- Provide a secure, caring environment for each individual student.
- Encourage students to follow a healthy lifestyle.
- Promote an international understanding through a rich and extended curriculum.
- Promote an international business and enterprise culture and ethic alongside the goal of general academic excellence.
- Focus our determination to maintain the Academy at the leading edge of educational innovation.
- Reinforce and extend the links the Academy has with its partners and the local, national and world wide community.
- Raise the overall standard of teaching and learning.
- Accept that our first responsibility is to our clients, to meet their needs and provide outstanding service.
- Adopt a philosophy of continuous improvement in every aspect of the Academy's work and life.

We are committed to honesty and responsibility in all relationships, respecting the legitimate rights of individuals and stressing the importance of social awareness and sensitivity.

Admissions and Induction

Transition Arrangements

Parents can apply for a place at a secondary school from 10th September 2018 for the Year 7 September 2019 intake. The admission booklets "Going to secondary school in Lincolnshire" and "The Lincolnshire School Admissions Guide" are available to download at: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-places/132836.article>

The preferred method for applying for a Year 7 place is online. You can also apply by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on: 01522 782030. Alternatively, you can request a paper application using the same telephone number. If you have queries or problems applying for a place at Louth Academy, please contact us on 01507 606349.

All parents are informed of their allocation on 1st March 2019.

You will receive a single offer of a place.

You must officially accept a place that is offered at Louth Academy by 15th March 2019.

If you are unsuccessful at this stage, you will be offered the right of an appeal. If you wish to appeal for a place at Louth Academy, contact Admissions at the Academy and request an Appeals Form.

Please return the completed form to the Academy. All appeals are heard by an independent appeals panel.

"Casual" transfers relate to transfers other than from Year 6 to Year 7. If you would like your child to change secondary schools, you should initially discuss the matter with your child's current school. If you still wish to proceed, please contact the Academy to request a Transfer Application Form.

Making the transition to Louth Academy

Our co-ordinated scheme for Year 6 to Year 7 transfer minimises problems and concerns and ensures that students making the transition from Primary School to Louth Academy with confidence.

In June, Year 6 students transferring to the Academy receive a visit from a Louth Academy teacher who collects information about friendship groups and siblings. This teacher also addresses concerns and answers any questions that students may have.

High priority is given to keeping family groupings, siblings and friendship groups together as far as possible. If there are concerns or special requests, parents should telephone the Academy and we will do our best to comply with your requests.

Open Evening

The Open Evening in September is our main event where parents and students can visit all areas of the Academy and meet students and staff. If parents cannot attend our Open Evening, individual appointments to visit during the Academy day can be made by telephoning 01507 606349.

Induction days to enjoy

The next step is the Primary Induction Days that will take place during July. All students transferring to Louth Academy will take part in three full days of activities involving a wide range of subjects.

The induction days also acquaint new starters with the Academy surroundings and provide an opportunity to meet staff and other students.

At Louth Academy, we recognise that transferring to a new school is a major step in the life of a young person.

For this reason, in addition to the standard procedures that have to be followed, we have our own co-ordinated scheme for Year 6 to Year 7 transfer.



Induction

New Intake Parents' Evening

Parents of our new September intake students are invited to a parents' evening where they are given information on House Groups. They also will meet their child's House tutor.

The evening begins with a talk from the Principal and a Vice Principal and parents will have the opportunity to ask individual questions.

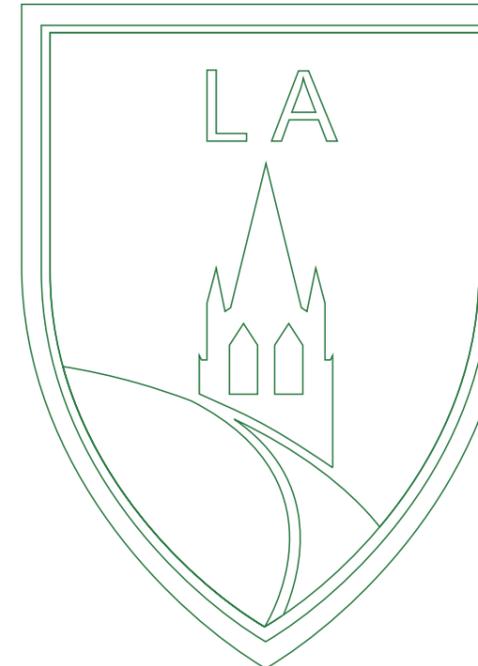
Special Needs

For students with Special Education Needs, our SEN Co-ordinator will attend reviews from Year 5 onwards, if invited by Primary Schools.

Parents are encouraged to make individual appointments with our SENCo to discuss their child's specific needs.

Prior Assessment Arrangements

Your child will be placed in an ability band within the year group. This is determined by your child's Key Stage 2 results.



Admissions

Curriculum

Louth Academy students enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum that prepares them for adult life.

- Our curriculum is designed to be flexible to allow for personalised learning.
- All students in Lower Secondary (Years 7 & 8) follow a curriculum which prepares them for GCSE studies in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Setting

Students in Year 7 are arranged in four bands with two classes in each band. There are opportunities throughout the year for movement between the bands.

Class sizes

Class sizes are kept as small as possible. The current Year 7 have an average class size of 21.

Equipment required

All students are required to have their own basic items each day. These include pen, pencil, ruler, eraser, basic small set of colouring pencils, protractor and a scientific calculator. Students are advised to own a small dictionary, a thesaurus and a small French and/or Spanish dictionary.



Music tuition at Louth

Our music staff offer a wide range of extra-curricular music groups. In addition to our music staff, we also employ highly qualified and respected music teachers (music service accredited) for instrumental and singing lessons.

Music tuition takes place during the Academy day on a rotating programme so that students do not miss the same curriculum lesson each week. There are opportunities to perform throughout the year and all students taking lessons within the Academy are expected to belong to one of the ensemble groups and choirs.



The Academy Day (a continuous school day)

08:50	Warning Bell
08:55	Pastoral
09:15	Period 1
10:05	Period 2
10:55	Break (15 minutes)
11:10	Period 3
12:00	Lunch (40 minutes)
12:40	Period 4
13:30	Period 5
14:25	Period 6
15:15	End of Day



Assessment

Target Setting

Students are set targets which are challenging yet realistic and attainable. They are discussed with students and reviewed regularly.

It has been proved that effective target setting significantly raises the attainment of students.

Assessment and Monitoring

Louth Academy students are regularly assessed to ensure that their progress is monitored. Individual guidance and support is given in order to keep students on track.



Assessment in the Academy consists of:

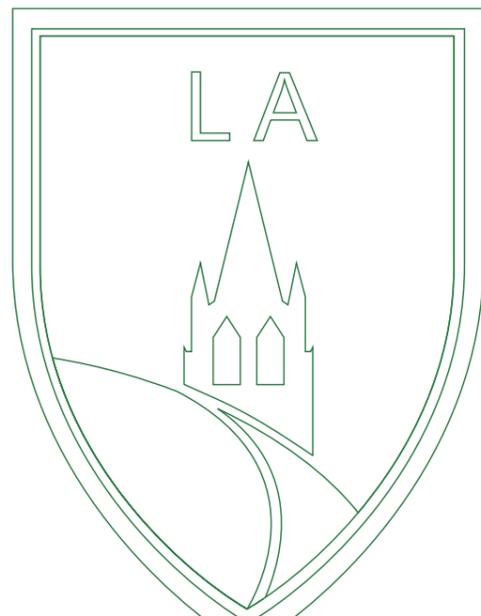
- NFER tests in reading, spelling and maths.
- CAT tests
- Internal examinations.
- On-going teacher assessment of work.
- Progress Point Assessments (PPs)

Internal assessments are utilised to measure each child's progress based upon their KS2 starting point.

Louth Academy students are set individual targets that challenge and motivate them to achieve their full potential.

Reporting Progress to Parents

Regular communication is maintained with parents who receive an annual written report on progress. In addition, the Academy issues a termly assessment report that shows baseline information and internal data showing your child's progress. A meeting is held for parents before the first report is issued to explain in detail what the various information means. Parents' evenings provide the opportunity for staff and parents to discuss any concerns - and for staff to highlight particular achievements.



IMPROVEMENT IN GCSE RESULTS

The merger of the two academies in Louth took place in September 2018, therefore the GCSE results for 2018 are reported as two separate cohorts. At both Academies there was an improvement in outcomes for Maths as well as English and other curriculum subjects. Particular successes include: Art and Design (100%); Food Preparation and Nutrition (80%); Business Studies (70%); Computing GCSE Equivalent (86%); Biology (75%); Chemistry (63%); Physics (58%).

At both Academies there was a rise in the Average Point Score, showing improvement across the board.



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Pastoral

Our induction days start the process of acquainting students with their new surroundings and this continues on the first day at Louth Academy.

Staff and other students do their best to help our new starters to settle in and to address any worries they may have about moving to their new school.

House Groups

Louth Academy is divided into four houses: Aquila, Lyra, Perseus and Vela - each of which have tutor groups.

The First Day for New Year 7 students

On arrival at Louth Academy, new students assemble in the hall to be greeted by senior staff.

A tutor period follows which lasts until morning break and provides the opportunity for Year 7 students to get to know the rest of the tutor group.

New students are given their timetable. They also have discussion with their House Tutor when they can talk about any concerns they may have.

The tutor will go through all Academy procedures including standards of behaviour and what will be needed for lessons.

When lessons start, staff will always ensure that students know where they should go for their next period so that new entrants have no worries about getting lost.

House Structure

Each House is led by a Pastoral Manager who is responsible for student guidance. An Assistant Principal is responsible for transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and for giving continued support to the new year group throughout the year. An Assistant Principal has overall responsibility for the pastoral system.

In addition, new students who need it have the support of the Special Educational Need Co-ordinator during the transition period.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held in House Groups or in year groups and are led by Pastoral Managers or a senior member of staff.

Learning Support

Literacy and Numeracy support is provided with a personalised programme meeting the needs of individual students, where required.

Student Planner

Each student is issued with an Academy Planner, which includes the Behaviour Policy and helpful sections on Literacy and Numeracy and other information designed to help students settle into Academy life.

The planner also has sections to record homework and merits. It helps students organise their work and take responsibility for their own learning.

The planner is an important means of communication between parents/carers and the Academy.

Every Louth Academy student is treated as an individual. We believe that success is achieved by recognising and responding positively to each student's particular skills, talents and needs.

Positive Reward System

We insist on high standards of work, behaviour and dress at all times.

We value our students and believe in recognising their achievements, not only with praise but with merits.

Year 7 and 8 earn merits for exceptional work, outstanding effort, very good attendance, involvement in extra-curricular activities and service to the community.

Certificates are awarded at various levels, together with gift vouchers for those collecting high numbers of merits.

Homework

All students are expected to spend between 7 to 10 hours a week on homework.

The planner gives clear advice on how to organise homework and where to access helpful information.

Homework Club

For any student needing help, or who would like access to a computer, Homework Club runs after school on certain days, depending on need.

Uniform

Louth Academy is proud of its high standard of uniform. This makes the Academy stand out and gives our students a real feeling of identity.

All students must wear the Academy blazer, black trousers, a white shirt, the Academy tie and black shoes. Trainers and boots are not allowed. Plain coats and jackets should be worn. Sportswear, blazers and ties are available from Uniform Direct. This ensures good quality garments at a reasonable price.

Our high standards also extend to personal appearance - for example, we do not allow extreme hair styles, such as Mohicans, and vivid or two tone hair colour is not acceptable. All hair styles should be blended.

Home-College Agreement

Parents and students are required to sign an agreement to uphold the high standards set by the Academy in terms of dress and behaviour.

Student Council

The Academy actively seeks the views of the students. Students have the opportunity to be a member of their House Student Council and the Academy Student Council. All students can put forward ideas to be debated.

Extra-Curricular

Louth Academy offers a large number of clubs and societies which take place at lunchtime and after school, ranging from sport to music, drama and art.

Medical

If a student is absent through illness, parents should notify the Academy immediately by telephone and provide a note on their child's return.

For a student on regular medication, parents are asked to complete the relevant medical form. All medication is lodged in the Medical Room.

Should a student become ill during the day, staff will issue a medical note and send the student to the Medical Room. If it is felt necessary, parents will be notified to collect their child.

Transport Arrangements

At the end of the Academy day, all students catching a bus are supervised on-site until they are told to board a bus by a member of staff. Parents need to apply to Lincolnshire County Council for a bus pass if their child will be travelling on a Lincolnshire County Council bus. If you have any queries regarding transport, please contact the office at Louth Academy.

Student Support and Safety

Louth Academy staff are well aware that most students feel apprehensive when moving schools. If children have any worries, they must not keep these to themselves but should let someone help them. Students can talk to their House tutor, Pastoral Manager or a senior member of staff. There is also a counsellor available if required.

In order to ensure that students are safe in the Academy, there is CCTV coverage around the site.

